

THE BLOOMFIELD CITIZEN.

SATURDAY, MARCH 31, 1888.

The time for the meeting of the National Conventions will soon be at hand. The Democratic Convention meets in the latter part of May, and the Republican Convention early in June. In less than three months the contest for national supremacy will be opened. There seems no doubt now of the renomination of President Cleveland. His hold upon his party is daily becoming more powerful. A determined effort to pass a tariff bill is making in the house. It is not altogether sure that it will not succeed, although some amendments may have to be made to secure its passage. The uncertainty connected with this, and other financial questions, still leaves the field of battle undecided. Meanwhile the choice of a candidate by the Republicans is apparently no surer than before. With Blaine out of the field, the list of candidates grows daily. The gradual uniting of all sections, in the hearty support of a national ticket will be a work of great tact and patient effort. The desire to push the fortunes of particular individuals proved disastrous to the party in the last campaign. A wiser course seems now likely to be adopted. The death of Chief Justice Waite and the increasing age of several of the members of the Supreme Court makes it likely that the political complexion of this arm of the government will depend upon the character of the Presidency.

The issue of an unusual number of licenses by the Excise Boards of Newark and Jersey City, has compelled the passage of a law supplementary to the High-License and Local-option bill. For this measure, as for the original bill, the Republicans are wholly responsible. Whatever may be the first political result of this temperance legislation, it is sure to prove popular in the end. Not only temperance people will rally around the party of moral ideas, the increased income will be satisfactory to tax-payers of liberal ideas. The rate fixed in the present bill is not high, as they consider such things in the West. \$500 or \$1,000 is a common rate out there, while some of the States also limit the number of saloons to the population. The opposition of liquor men to this moderate law will only stimulate temperance advocates to the passage of more stringent measures.

The bill providing for the vacating of the Morris Canal was passed in the Legislature last week, by a two thirds vote, and is now in the hands of the Governor. The opposition in the Assembly was led by Mr. Riker of this County. Messrs. McGowan and Peck voted against the measure. The abandonment of the canal will affect Bloomfield unfavorably, several large mills, the coal yards and the Montclair Gas Works, being located upon it. The abandonment of the canal will, however, prove advantageous to real estate in that vicinity. It is not known that the canal will be closed the present season. The usual repairs have been made upon planes and locks and the men are still employed.

The school meeting is still the subject of lively discussion. The meaning of the election of two members from Watessing, is the conundrum to be solved. Is there in this locality such a hungering and thirsting after knowledge as only improved educational facilities can supply? or, Does the ambition for power account for this latest resolution? At any rate all sides are disposed to look at the result good-naturedly. The high character of the men elected will secure efficient working members in the Board. Then it pleases Watessing, and hasn't hurt anybody else.

Glen Ridge Correspondence.
—The Sunday services at Glen Ridge will be held as usual and the pulpit will be occupied by Rev. Joseph H. Dulles.

—A petition has been extensively signed asking the Town Committee to gravel Ridgewood Avenue; it is hoped that this will be done this summer.

—The town should cut down the hump on Hillside Avenue between the railroad and Bloomfield Avenue, and put in gas lamps.

—It is hoped that a banjo duet will be the musical treat of the near future. Two prominent residents of Snowden street have been taking lessons all winter and are becoming quite proficient.

—Mr. W. T. Spencer's coachman met with a serious loss last week. He had recently bought a new suit of clothes and overcoat which he kept lying in his room in the stable. While he was absent last Wednesday they were all stolen. No trace of the thief has yet been found.

—Mr. Phineas J. Ward is contemplating opening a new street on his property on Washington Avenue just opposite the residence of Mr. T. W. Langstroth. It is to be called Ham-

ilton street and will afford several fine building sites, which will be sold at moderate prices.

—Mr. Wm. A. Thompson has returned to his home for a short visit. He has been absent for the past two years, during which time he spent several months in Texas, New Mexico and California.

—Mrs. G. H. Coryelle of Washington, D. C. is visiting at "Glenholme" the home of Mrs. Richard Jones on Clark Street. Miss Marie Jones is spending a few days with friends at the Brooklyn Navy Yard.

—The pipe of peace has been smoked and the hatchet buried. "After Thunder" and all his tribe have carefully washed off the war paint, returned to their reservation and sweet peace reigns among the savage tribes of Glen Ridge.

—Notwithstanding the disagreeable weather, a good sized audience attended the concert at the Club House on Wednesday evening, and the damp atmosphere did not dampen the spirits of the performers or the enjoyment of the audience, who all expressed great pleasure in the entertainment. The Ricca Mandolin Quartette gave several selections with much sweetness and taste, showing the instrument to be capable of much power and expression. The programme was varied by humorous readings by Mr. Walter Pelham of London, England, who proved himself to be a very clever mimic, with wonderful control over his facial muscles, and a very pleasant gentleman both on and off the platform. His representation of Artemus Ward giving his lecture on the Mormons was especially amusing. The programme offered was as follows: March, "Volontaires," Metra, Ricca Mandolin Quartette; Reminiscences of Rare Readings, Mr. Walter Pelham; Overture, "Encouragement," Ricca Mandolin Quartette; Artemus Ward among the Mormons, Mr. Walter Pelham; Mandolin Solo, "Serenade," Sylvester, Sig. L. Ricca; Character Imitations, English Itinerants, Mr. Walter Pelham; Waltz, a "La Gitana," Bucalossi, b "Miserere," Verdi, Ricca Mandolin Quartette.

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